



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region



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## MINUTES April 13-14, 2005

### Regular Meeting

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Lancaster City Council Chambers  
44933 Fern Avenue  
Lancaster, CA 93534

Chair Jack Clarke called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. on April 13, 2005.

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Brissenden, Hope Valley  
Jack Clarke, Apple Valley  
Keith Dyas, Rosamond  
Bishop Henry W. Hearn, Lancaster  
Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee  
Eric Sandel, Truckee  
Susan J. Van Dam, Barstow

#### BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Jim Chapman, Susanville

#### LEGAL COUNSEL

Steven H. Blum, State Water Resources Control Board

#### STAFF PRESENT

Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer	Laurie Applegate, Executive Assistant
Robert S. Dodds, Assistant Executive Officer	Jehiel Cass, WRCE
Cindy Mitton, Senior WRCE	Kai Dunn, WRCE
Mike Plaziak, Senior Engineering Geologist	Christy Hunter, Engineering Geologist
	Carolyn Robbins, Office Assistant

#### ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Julie Kyle, Kyle & Kyle Ranches, Inc.  
Dennis LaMoreaux, Palmdale Water District  
Steve Maguin, David W. Snyder and Ray Tremblay, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts  
Eugene B. Nebeker, Ph.D.  
William R. Parris  
Bill Sharrer, Molycorp, Inc.  
John Slezak  
Craig Stewart and Calvin Hardcastle, Geomatrix Consultants  
Lewis Trout

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**5. CLOSED SESSION**

Board members met in closed session on April 13, 2005 from 1:35 p.m. to 2:35 p.m. to discuss items h, i and j. Authority: Government Code Section 11126(e). The Board reconvened in open session at 2:40 p.m.

**1. PUBLIC FORUM**

Dave Snyder, Los Angeles County Sanitation District, discussed a draft feasibility study undertaken by the District regarding the use of recycled water for groundwater recharge in the Antelope Valley.

Ray Tremblay, Los Angeles County Sanitation District, discussed District efforts to partner with water purveyors to identify ways to use reclaimed water to meet the long-term water supply needs in the Antelope Valley.

**STATUS REPORTS****2. Status Report on Compliance of Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14, Lancaster, with Waste Discharge Requirements and a Cease and Desist Order, Los Angeles County**

Board members Keith Dyas and Bishop Henry Hearn recused themselves from this item.

Kai Dunn gave the status report. Mr. Dunn and Mr. Plaziak answered questions from the Board.

Addressing the Board: Raymond Tremblay, Los Angeles County Sanitation District; Barbara Fersick, Norma Nordblom and Ron Ferrel, Roosevelt Rural Town Council; Marleen Griffin, and Eugene B. Nebeker, Ph.D.

**3. Status Report on Compliance of Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20, Palmdale, with Waste Discharge Requirements, a Cleanup and Abatement Order and a Cease and Desist Order, Los Angeles County**

Jeheil Cass gave the status report and answered questions from the Board.

Addressing the Board: Raymond Tremblay, Los Angeles County Sanitation District; Eugene B. Nebeker, Ph.D.; William Parris; Lewis Trout; and John Slezak.

The afternoon session of the Board meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



**Regular Meeting, Continued**  
**7:15 p.m., April 13, 2005**

Chair Jack Clarke called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Board members present: John Brissenden, Keith Dyas, Bishop Henry Hearn, Amy Horne, Ph.D., Eric Sandel and Susan Van Dam. Board member absent: Jim Chapman.

**6. PUBLIC FORUM**

No one addressed the Board during the Public Forum.

**7. MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9 and 10, 2005 in South Lake Tahoe, CA.**

- **Motion:** Moved by Dr. Horne and seconded by Bishop Hearn to adopt the March 9 and 10, 2005 minutes as proposed. Voting yes: Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dyas, Bishop Hearn, Dr. Horne, Mr. Sandel and Ms. Van Dam. Abstaining: Mr. Brissenden. **Motion carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**8. Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 and the City of Los Angeles World Airports – Discussion of Alternative Projects Proposed to Clean Up Nitrates in Groundwater in Palmdale that Resulted from Discharges of Recycled Water, Los Angeles County**

Jehiel Cass gave the staff presentation and answered questions from the Board.

Addressing the Board: Raymond Tremblay, Los Angeles County Sanitation District; Craig Stewart and Calvin Hardcastle, Geomatrix Consultants; Steve Maguin, Los Angeles County Sanitation District; Julie Kyle, Kyle & Kyle Ranches, Inc.; William R. Parris; Eugene B. Nebeker, Ph.D.; Lewis Trout; and Dennis LaMoreaux, Palmdale Water District.

Harold Singer summarized the staff recommendation and Board members discussed the proposed Resolution.

- **Motion:** Moved by Dr. Horne and seconded by Mr. Dyas to adopt the Resolution as proposed. Voting yes: Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dyas, Bishop Hearn, Dr. Horne, Mr. Sandel and Ms. Van Dam. Voting no: Mr. Brissenden. **Motion carried 6-1.**

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

Board members met in closed session on April 13, 2005 from 9:30 p.m. to 10:20 p.m. to discuss items h, i and j. **Authority:** Government Code Section 11126(e). The Board reconvened in open session at 10:21 p.m. The evening session adjourned at 10:21 p.m.



**Regular Meeting, Continued**  
**8:30 a.m., April 14, 2005**

Chair Jack Clarke called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Board members present: John Brissenden, Keith Dyas, Bishop Henry Hearn, Amy Horne, Ph.D., Eric Sandel, and Susan Van Dam. Board member absent: Jim Chapman

**9. PUBLIC FORUM**

No one addressed the Board during the Public Forum.

**10. ADOPTION OF THE UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

Item 11 was removed from the uncontested calendar to be considered separately by the Board (see Item 11 below). Item 12 remained on the uncontested calendar.

**12. Adoption of the Priority List for the Emergency, Abandoned, Recalcitrant (EAR) Account, Fiscal Year 2005-2006.**

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Sandel, seconded by Dr. Horne and **unanimously carried** to adopt the 2005-2006 Priority List as proposed. **Motion carried.**

**REVISED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**

**11. Molycorp, Inc., Mountain Pass Mine and Mill On-Site Lined Evaporation Ponds and Landscape Pond (Board Order No. 6-00-34) San Bernardino County**

Christy Hunter gave the staff presentation, discussed late revisions to the Board Order and comments received.

Bill Sharrer, Molycorp, Inc., answered questions from the Board and asked the Board to adopt the Order as revised by Regional Board staff.

- **Motion:** Moved by Bishop Hearn, seconded by Mr. Sandel and **unanimously carried** to adopt the Board Order with revisions outlined by Ms. Hunter. **Motion carried.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**4. Executive Officer's Report**

Mr. Singer discussed items from the April 2005 Executive Officer's Report.

Mr. Singer discussed a sewage spill that occurred on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, when a Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority percolation pond overflowed causing a dike to fail. Approximately six million gallons of treated effluent spilled. The County Health Department and local water purveyors were notified. Staff will be investigating the incident.



Mr. Singer gave an update regarding the Swiss Mart Gas Station in Kings Beach. The site has been added to the 2005-2006 Priority List for the Emergency, Abandoned, Recalcitrant Account. Placer County has been listed as the oversight agency.

Mr. Singer discussed the Lower Owens River Project (LORP). Regional Board staff is working on an individual permit to bring before the Board at the July 2005 meeting. Mr. Singer and two Regional Board staff members were issued subpoenas by the City of Los Angeles on behalf of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and will be testifying before the Inyo County Superior Court on April 25, 2005. The issue is LORP project delays.

### **13. Reports by Chair and Board Members**

Bishop Hearn asked Mr. Singer what has been done to involve local businesses and the public in efforts to protect the environment. Mr. Singer responded that the State Board is making a statewide effort to increase public outreach activities and to publicize the Board activities to protect the environment.

Mr. Sandel discussed the Artificial Recharge Workshop he attended on March 16 and 17, 2005 in Sacramento.

Mr. Clarke noted he would be attending the Chair's meeting in San Diego on April 27, 2005.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

s/s

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted: June 16, 2005  
Laurie Applegate, Executive Assistant

